

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A suction system for a refrigeration compressor of the type which comprises a valve plate which is provided with at least one suction orifice, selectively closed by a suction valve, and which closes a cylinder end; a cylinder head mounted against a face of the valve plate opposite to that closing the cylinder and which defines a discharge chamber occupying part of said cylinder head and partially contouring the suction orifice; and a suction muffler comprising a hollow body having an outlet tube projecting therefrom and presenting a free end seated on the valve plate in coaxial alignment with a respective suction orifice, said cylinder head being provided, externally to the discharge chamber, with a reinforcing wall portion which is dimensioned to define an increase in the structural rigidity of the cylinder head.